

Adrian School District Newsletter

November 2009

High School Office 372-2335

K-8 Office 372-2337

Superintendent Notes

Jan Sillonis – We'll Miss You!!

Our friend and co-worker here at the Adrian School Jan Sillonis, passed away after a lengthy illness. Jan has been a fixture here at our school for two decades. She worked in a variety of positions but is probably best known as the smiling, productive and loving cafeteria manager.

Jan's passing, on October 18th, has left us all feeling a great loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jan's family.

Mrs. Sillonis always had the greatest and most cheerful attitude about all that she did. She was a tireless advocate for kids and showed up at nearly every activity. She was such a loyalist to Adrian sports that I'm sure she will still be with us. We love you, Jan.

Those wishing to donate to the Jan Sillonis Memorial Scholarship Fund may do so by contacting the high school office and talk to Darla Witty.

Antelopes forever,

Gene Mills

Superintendent

Math Half-Minute

P squared for P cubed winners for the first quarter were: Tayler Martin and Mark Ishida This award is given to randomly selected students that have all papers submitted on time and have no unexcused tardies or absences

The math theme this year is "Problem Solving, Ownership". Problem solving involves learning, thinking, trying different approaches, collaborating, restarting, persevering, and having a "can do" attitude. . Ownership involves taking personal responsibility for the success of the endeavor and working to improve the success rate.

I have repeated what I wrote the last time because I feel that the idea is important.

T.S.



Holiday Bazaar

November 21st

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Crafts, Baked goods, Jewelry,
Holiday gifts, Holiday Pies and
Bread sale!

In the Cafeteria!

For more information or if you would like to reserve a table to sell your goods call Stephanie Allison or Aimee Goss at 541-372-2335

Principal's Report

High School Principal

It is hard to believe that the first quarter has already come and gone. The time has flown by with an abundance of activity throughout the school. We are looking forward to **parent/teacher conferences** this week, and as an incentive for parents to attend in the high school we will be raffling off a dinner for two and a Thanksgiving turkey. For each teacher you visit, you will get your name entered in the raffle and we will draw the winners at the end of the day on Friday. High School conferences will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday evening and from 8:00 am to 12 noon on Friday. If you need to meet outside of those hours, please call the teachers for an appointment.

As I mentioned there has been and continues to be a whirlwind of activity throughout the school. The sophomores and juniors just completed their PSAT testing, for the second consecutive year, the State of Oregon has required the PSAT for sophomores, while the juniors take the test in preparation for the SAT test(s) to come. Results from the testing will be made available in December. The Adrian FFA chapter competed in dairy judging and soil judging contests this past month and seniors are at the final stages of their job shadowing efforts are into their physical project phase of the Senior Project class. The ASB Officers and the Leadership Class will be heading to Seaside, Oregon for the annual Oregon Association of Student Council's Fall Leadership Conference. This is a great event and Mrs. VanCorbach and Mrs. Allison do an outstanding job of getting the kids into various workshops and helping kids hone their leadership skills.

The volleyball regular season is winding down with the girls heading to John Day as the number two seed in the district tourney. The team finished with an 8-1 record and second place in the High Desert League. The football team still has two weeks to go in their season, with a trip to Crane on Friday, before they finish up at home on November 6th against Huntington. Two Adrian boys qualified for the district cross country meet. Congratulations to Hugh Ellsworth and Lucas Wachenbrunner.

Counselor's Corner

Seniors: If you are planning on taking the SAT or the ACT in December, go online to register and download the practice tests. Parents, encourage your Senior student to sign up for the SAT question of the day at www.collegeboard.com; the practice is well worth the effort. Parents and students should also begin filling out the FAFSA worksheet.

K-8 Principal

Our students are taught social skills like greeting others and accepting no for an answer. They are also reminded how to disagree appropriately and how to make a request. As a parent I know they are also constantly taught this at home so it is nice to know that there is team work between home and school. One of this month thoughts at Monday Morning assembly was the quote from an unknown person which says, "An act of kindness is never wasted." Our students this month have contributed to the burnout fund which is part of one senior's project. Students and parents have been very generous.

From grades 4 on up we have an on line program called Study Island. Students are able to get on the computer and enhance their skills in Reading and Math. Students are given a code that may also be used at home. If you want your student to work on it at home we have someone at school that can help you get set up.

The Middle School Girls Volley ball team made it to the playoffs. The big accomplishment for the Middle school boys' football team was beating Jordon Valley. It was fun to ride with the students on the bus and get to learn a little about each student on the away game trips.

Thanks for all of your support. William H. Ellsworth

Cafeteria Scoop

The cool season is finally here and with that brings colds and the flu. To help your child stay healthy the cafeteria offers a well rounded meal consisting of the four food groups. It is important for students, athletes and adults to eat nutritional foods and drink plenty of water to maintain a healthy body. Breakfast is a great opportunity to eat nutritious foods like whole grains, fruits, and dairy products to help ensure your child is getting all of the vitamins and minerals needed to perform better in the classroom. Studies have shown that by eating a healthy breakfast students have higher test scores, are more focused and perform better in sports. The Cafeteria serves breakfast from 7:30-8:00.

We would like to thank all those who brought in fruit and vegetables from their gardens. Our salad bar and fruit bar are overflowing with your wonderful fruits and vegetables. We always love to see parents visit the cafeteria and eat with their child. Just a reminder that you need to stop in at the Elementary building and see Mrs. Bennett to get your visitor's pass and lunch ticket before coming to the cafeteria.

Have a great Fall,

The Kitchen Staff: Julie Morton, Linda Dominguez, Maria Almeida, Jennifer Findling

Recipe of the Month:

Potato Soup

10 Med. Potatoes, diced
2 Lrg. Carrots, peeled and sliced
2 Stalks of celery, chopped
1 Lrg. Onion, chopped
1 can evaporated Milk
4 C. Milk
Salt & Pepper to taste



Boil potatoes, carrots, celery, and onion until potatoes are almost done. Turn heat on Med. Add canned milk and milk, salt & pepper. Cook until it starts to boil. Thicken with flour paste if necessary. (1 T. flour 1 C. cold water)

Optional: Diced Ham or Bacon



Fresh Baked Bread Sale for the Thanksgiving Holiday

French Bread \$3.00/Loaf
Cinnamon Rolls \$6.00/Dozen
Dinner Rolls \$3.00/Dozen




Please pre order by November 17th. Orders will be available to be picked up at 11:00 a.m. November 21st. in the cafeteria.

All proceeds will go to the High School Cheer Squad to be used for camp, uniforms, care packages for athletes, and pep assemblies.

Contact: Julie Morton 541-372-2337 (School) or 541-372-2860 (Home)

November 2009

Milk Served With Every Meal--USDA Is An Equal Opportunity Provider--All Meals Subject To Change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 French Toast	2 Chili Dogs Fries Fruit Birthday Cake	3 Hash browns Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Brownie	4 Waffles Lasagna Salad Fruit Hot Roll	5 Sausage Turkey Noodles Salad Fruit Hot Roll	6 R/S/D	7
8 Biscuits & Gravy	9 Mashed Potatoes Hamburger Gravy Fruit Hot Roll	10 Muffins French Dip Sand. Fries Fruit Ice cream Bar	11  Veteran's Day No School	12 Sausage Mexican Hot Dish Corn Fruit Hot Roll	13 Scramb. Eggs/Sausage Hamburgers Tots Fruit Cookie	14
15 Pancakes	16 Pizza Roll Pizza Roll Salad Fruit Cookie	17 Pizza Roll Chili & Cheese Salad Fruit Cinnamon Roll	18 Grilled Cheese Weiner Wrap Fries Fruit Pudding	19 Hash browns Tacos Rice & Beans Fruit Chocolate Cake	20 No School	21
22 Sausage	23 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit Cookie	24 Scramb. Eggs/Sausage Turkey Mashed Potatoes Gravy Apple Crisp Hot Roll	25 Muffins Beef Nacho Veggie Sticks Fruit Cookie	26  Thanksgiving Break 	27	28
29 Biscuits & Gravy	30 Spaghetti Salad Fruit French Bread					



Library Notes

Audiobooks are now circulating from the Adrian School Library. Eight Playaways are currently checked out or available for checkout. Playaways are devices with digital content (audiobooks, in this case) already pre-loaded and batteries to make them play. After completing an application form that must be signed by a parent and initialed by a teacher, students may check out Playaways in the same way they would check out library books. Earbuds may be furnished by the student or purchased from the library for \$2.00 per set. More titles will be made available in the next month.

Volunteers are always welcome at the library. Hours are flexible (based on your schedule) and free training is provided. This fall we especially need help with repairing books and processing new books, but could also use help with keeping books in order on the shelves and updating the online catalog. Contact Elma Witty by calling 541-372-2337, ext. 3712 or by stopping to visit the library if you would be able to help.

Students in grades 3 through 12 are meeting regularly to discuss the books on the reading lists for Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) this year. High school students meet after school on Mondays, elementary students gather after school on Tuesdays, and middle school students learn about the books on their list after lunch on Thursdays. Each list contains 16 books and most books have already been read by one or more students.

BINGO NIGHT

It's time for the Middle School's **Annual Bingo Night Fundraiser**. Come join us for a night of family fun on **Thursday, November 19, 2009** from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will have lots of prizes and some items to auction off, so come join the fun. We will be playing with pre-printed Bingo sheets. Each sheet will play two games. These will sell for \$1.00 per sheet. You can purchase them in advance from any middle school student, or buy them at the door. We will also be selling those great hotdogs and soda. If you have items you would like to donate for prizes or for the auction, the staff and students would really appreciate it. You can contact the middle school at 372-2337.



FFA News

Dairy Judging was on September 23rd and was held at the Chamberlin Dairy in Willowcreek. Our Advanced Team got 3rd place. Some individuals from our chapter made it into the top ten in both Beginning and Advanced teams, they were Evan Sneider 1st place- Adv; Olivia Morton 8th place- Adv; and Natasha Garner 9th place- Beginning. Soils was a blast the Snake River and the Strawberry Mountain Districts both attended, there were over 200 FFA members at the event. Soils were held in Crane this year, and again Evan Sneider placed in the top ten, but this time he came in at 5th place. Upcoming events are our Halloween Hoedown on October 29th and Ag. Sales on November 4th. Also coming up in November, on the 24th is our Annual Open House. This year it will be held in the Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. The Adrian FFA Chapter would be delighted to see you there. Thank you for all your Support!

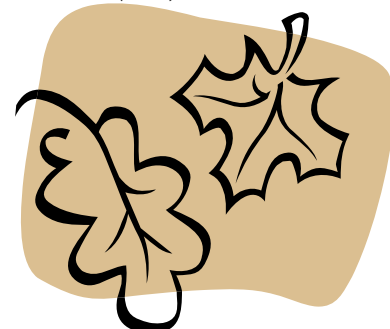
Sincerely,

Jessica Morton
Chapter Reporter

Adrian Community and High School

Red Cross blood drive will be held at the high school November 23, 2009 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. Please help save a life by donating blood.

To schedule your appointment, or for more information, contact Erica Griffin at (541)372-2335



STUDENT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 09-10

Kindergarten:

Conley Martin "Exemplary Behavior"
Riley Lucas "Enthusiastic Learner"

First:

Thomas Stephens & Elizabeth Morford
"Eager Learners"

Second:

Kaley Mendoza
"Most AR Points in 2nd Grade"

Third:

Kessen Kimball
"Dedicated AR Reader"

Fourth:

Jarryn Bodine & Michael Judkins
"Positive Attitude Everyday"

Fifth:

Carlee Morton
"Always Giving Her Best Efforts"

Sixth:

David Jamison
"For Always Being Courteous and Asking First"

Seventh:

Quincy Pendergrass

Eighth:

Travis Rust
"For Hard Working and Great Attitude"

STUDENT OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 09-10

Kindergarten:

Chase Johnston "Superb Listening"
Elizabeth Nielson "Being Friendly"

First:

Aiden Spiers & Tristan Bowen
"Magnificent Mathematician"

Second:

Ethan Sheets; Martina Ramirez; Asucena Ramirez;
Anel Beltran
"Excellent Academic Students"

Third:

Sadey Speelmon
"Academic Excellence in all Subject Areas"

Fourth:

Sundee Speelmon & Emily Case
"Outstanding Academic Student"

Fifth:

Alexis Thompson & Juan Figueroa
"Most Improved Student"

Sixth:

KrissAnn Nelson
"Positive Attitude"

Seventh:

Alandra Hartley

Eighth:

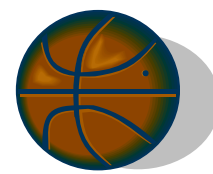
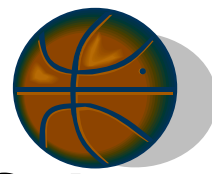
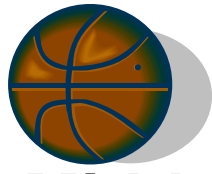
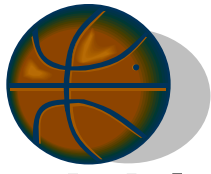
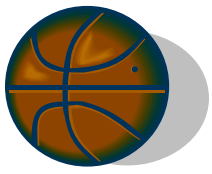
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Notes from the Music Dept.

The music students are hard at work in preparation for our Christmas Concerts. Katie Bowns, a senior at Adrian High School is producing our K-5 program this year as part of the Physical Portion of her Senior Project. It is sure to be a wonderful program. The concerts will take place in the High School Gym on Monday, December 21. The K-5 program will begin at 2:00 pm. The Middle School/High School program will be that evening, at 7:00 pm. We hope you will plan to attend this wonderful celebration of the holidays.

Leadership Corner

Members of the Leadership Class and ASB council will be attending the Oregon Association of Student Council's fall conference in Seaside, Oregon. November 7-10. We are looking forward to hearing two dynamic speakers as we get to know students from around Oregon. We will have opportunity to share ideas with other schools and we will strengthen our own leadership skills as we partake in team-building activities. Our Leadership students put on a successful Homecoming week and are already working on several winter activities. Our Leadership students are a good example to the students at Adrian High School as they demonstrate the mission of our school district: ENTER to LEARN, LEARN to WORK, and WORK to SERVE.



Adrian Middle School

2009-2010 Basketball

Home	Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
Home	11/5 Thursday	Victory	5:00	
	11/10 Tuesday	@ Greanleaf	3:30	
Home	11/12 Thursday	Notus	5:00	
	11/17 Tuesday	@ Wilder	3:30	
Home	11/19 Thursday	Liberty	3:30	
	11/24 Tuesday	@ Rimrock	3:30	
	12/3 Thursday	Playoff	TBA	
	12/7 & 12/8	MS Girls Tournament	TBA	
	1/28 Thursday	@ Victory		3:30
Home	2/2 Tuesday	Greenleaf		5:00
	2/4 Thursday	@ Notus		3:30
Home	2/9 Tuesday	Wilder		5:00
	2/11 Thursday	@ Liberty		3:30
Home	2/16 Tuesday	Rimrock		5:00
	2/23 Tuesday	Playoff		TBA
	3/1 & 3/2	MS Boys Tournament		TBA

All times are Mountain Standard Time

Schedule Subject to Change

26-Oct-09

Condensed Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2009

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Casey Walker, Ryan Martin, and Jake Speelmon.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Report – Brent Gunderson, CPA from Seydel, Lewis, Poe, Moeller, and Gunderson, LLC of La Grande, presented the report on their audit of the district's financial records for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The auditing team completed the field work in the district on July 27 through 29. The auditor stated that the scope of the audit is to determine if the financial reports and records accurately represent the financial position of the district. The district received a clean opinion, meaning that the auditor found the financial reports to fairly represent the financial position of the district. The auditor also commented on the weaknesses of the financial system, which include the reliance on the auditors in the preparation of the financial statements, and limited segregation of duties. These are common weaknesses in small districts and the district works to implement compensation controls and policies to prevent fraud and misstatements in the financial reports. Mr. Gunderson thanked the board members, Paul Shenk and Neil Allison, who served on the audit committee and the district staff for their cooperation in the audit process. The board members are welcome to contact the auditors if they have questions or wish to discuss the audit report.

Student Reports/Requests Andrea Shenk reported that the students appreciated the Welcome Back by staff, board members, and community people the first day of school. She also reported on volleyball and football. Student, Vallen Sipes, participated in the State Spelling Contest and came away with a 4th place finish. There will be a Battle of the Books team this year. She also requested the board's approval for an overnight trip for the Student Council and Leadership Class to attend the Oregon Association of Student Councils Fall Conference in Seaside, Oregon on November 7th – 10th. There will be approximately 20 students and two or three advisors attending. Motion was made and was seconded to approve an overnight trip for the OASC Fall Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports/Requests Miss Goss reported that the International Club was planning an international trip in June of 2010. There are about fifteen students interested at this point. The students will need to raise their own funds for the trip.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that there had been an inspection of the fire alarm and bell system at the elementary school. It was found that the alarm was too loud. The staff is involved in staff development topics helpful to the start of school. The elementary school had picture day. The middle school volleyball and football seasons are underway. The elementary also has a Battle of the Books team. There are 145 students attending in grades K through 8.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell thanked the board members and community members for coming in to welcome the students back. Next Thursday there will be an assembly to award the 4th quarter awards from last year. Mr. Purnell reports that he has been busy attending meetings for counseling, testing, and athletics. The high school has 103 students attending. The foreign exchange students are acclimating to the school and community. The Glean Team is trying to get started again this year. The football and volleyball teams are at Jordan Valley on Friday.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that the gym facelift is nearing completion. The bleachers really need to be replaced. We will be replacing as many of the football field light bulbs

as we can. There are only a limited number of bulbs available due to the age of the lights, and some of the receptacles are not working. Mrs. Mills will be doing some volunteer work as a school nurse for the district and may be doing some work for the Malheur Education Service District, using stimulus funds to fund some time. Andrea Buchholz is currently working in an administrative position in the Nyssa School District, who requires their administrators to live in the district. She is requesting a school district boundary change to move their property into the Nyssa School District boundary. Objections were raised that it would reduce the tax base for the district, and also that it would reduce a household within the district. The decision can't be looked at in the short term, but for the long-term impact on the district. It was the consensus of the board that it isn't in the best interest of the district to release property to other districts. Harper came up with enough kids to have their own football team. We have four students who are participating in cross country this year. The district is not providing a coach or transportation, but will sponsor the team and has received approval from the boys and girls leagues to be added to the league. The district will not host a meet, and students may enter in established meets. Mr. Purnell is teaching math first and seventh period and Mr. Mills is teaching Weights and Conditioning fourth and fifth periods. Mr. Ellsworth will be doing some policy work.

Financial Report Darla Witty provided the board with a balance sheet and a summary of receipts and expenditures as of August 31, 2009. The board had asked for information about the cost per student. As background information she provided the board with information about the state's funding formula. Mrs. Witty explained that calculating the cost per student is a complicated issue because the number can change depending on whether you perform the calculation using Average Daily Membership, which is used by the state for funding, or use the average number of students enrolled. Also, deciding which expenditures to include or exclude. She provided the information for the general fund using three methods of calculation, average daily membership un-weighted, average daily membership weighted (basis for funding), and average student enrolled. And then, using the expenditures per average student enrolled, she provided the information by fund type. The combined total for all funds, excluding transfers between funds, is \$15,968.57 per average number of studenta enrolled.

Public Comment There were none.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the August 13, 2009 school board meeting minutes as presented and to pay the bills as listed in the amount of \$70,662.48. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

OSBA Legislative Committee Election There is one candidate, J. Michael Fraasier from La Grande, running from our Oregon School Boards Association zone. Motion was made and was seconded to vote for J. Michael Fraiser and to authorize Darla Witty to submit the board's vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Extra duty Contract It was recommended that Cindy Bennett be offered an extra-duty contract in the amount of \$2,000 to continue providing medical assistance to a student requiring monitoring and frequent blood testing, this contract is contingent upon the continued enrollment of the student. Motion was made and was seconded, to offer the Student Medical Assistance extra-duty contract to Cindy Bennett as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Tuition Waiver Request Bill Maxwell requested the board continue waiving the out-of state tuition for Seth and JJ Maxwell to attend school in Adrian for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion was made and was seconded to waive tuition for the Maxwell boys for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratify Agreement with Adrian Classified Employees Association Motion was made and was seconded, to ratify the Agreement with Adrian Classified Employees Association as negotiated. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratify Agreement with Adrian Education Association Following executive session if ready.
Set Administrative, Managerial and Confidential Salaries and Benefits Following executive session, if ready.

Qualified School Construction Bond Application The district has the opportunity to participate in the Qualified School Construction Bond Program made available to schools through the Oregon Department of Education from Federal Stimulus Funds. This program allows the district to issue bonds and the bond purchasers would receive a tax credit in lieu of interest, which would be paid by stimulus funds. The district would not have to pay interest on the bonds, but would need to repay the bond principal. Mr. Mills is recommending the district apply for approval from the Oregon Department of Education to issue these bonds for the purpose of remodeling the science room and replacing the bleachers for a total of \$170,000. Motion was made and was seconded to authorize the district to apply for the Qualified School Construction Bond authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Extra-duty salary requests Miss Goss requested that La Dawn Bayes be paid \$800 as a High School Volleyball Assistant Coach, she will give up \$400 of her head volleyball coaching salary and Mr. Purnell has agreed to give up \$400 of his JV coaching salary to fund this. Quentin Shenk would like to volunteer as the Assistant Football Coach and asked the district to donate the budget for his salary and benefits to the football fund. Motion was made and was seconded to offer \$800 to La Dawn Bayes for HS Volleyball Assistant Coaching and to modify the contracts of Aimee Goss and Kevin Purnell and Quinten Shenk as requested and to donate the budgeted funds for the assistant football coaching position to the Football Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session Executive Session as provided by ORS 192.660 paragraph d) negotiations was entered at 10 p.m. Regular session was reconvened at 10:30 p.m. Motion was made and was seconded to increase the insurance benefit for 2009-2010 by \$60 per month and for salaries and other benefits to remain at the 2008-2009 level with steps allowed as applicable for Bill Ellsworth, Kevin Purnell, Darla Witty, Jan Sillonis, Cindy Bennett, and Stephanie Allison, and to set Mr. Mills salary at \$20,291, to not provide any insurance benefits and for all other benefits to remain the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Complete copies of the minutes are posted in each building and on the district website, www.adriansd.com. Copies may be requested from the District Office.

